

NDE Bulletin
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2013 Annual NDE Data Conference - Registration

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The 2013 Annual NDE Data Conference will be held April 29 & 30, 2013 in Kearney, Nebraska at the Younes Conference Center. Please visit the conference website at <http://ndeconference.education.ne.gov> to register (\$100) and find other information.



2013 Annual NDE Data Conference - Call for Presentations – Closes March 8

April 29 - 30, 2013 at the Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE

NDE's 5th Annual Data Conference will focus on the role and importance of data in state initiatives and activities. We are ready to accept proposals to present at NDE's 5th Annual Data Conference. While we have selected some themes, we intend and hope that NDE staff can help districts use or understand how their data is used. The conference is intended to help those who submit data of all kinds – not just NSSRS data and not just data related to the following themes:

- Teacher/Principal Performance Indicators and Evaluation
- State Accountability
- School Improvement and ESU Collaboration
- SLDS Professional Development - Data Cadres
- Federal Accountability
- NSSRS and Data Stewards
- Early Childhood
- Special Populations

Please email suggestions for the Data Steward strand topics to Debe Dockhorn at Debe.dockhorn@nebraska.gov by Thursday, February 28.

The website will accept presentation proposals at <http://ndeconference.education.ne.gov>
The proposal deadline has been extended to Friday, March 8, 2013.



NeSA-RMS Key Dates

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Key dates for NeSA-RMS are presented in the following table. Additional information on NeSA testing is available at the Statewide Assessment Website <http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/Index.html>

Online Management Tools/Test Session Tickets Available	March 4
Test Materials Delivered to Districts	March 4
Districts Train School Personnel and Distribute Materials	One week prior to test window
Distribute Materials to Test Administrators	Same Day as Testing
NeSA-Reading, Mathematics, and Science Testing Window	March 25 – May 3

Last Day for UPS to Pick Up Test Materials From Districts	May 8
NeSA WebEx on Reporting	July 1 - 3



Title I Schoolwide Peer Review Registration

Contact: Beth Zilling (402-471-2452 or beth.zilling@nebraska.gov)

The registration form for the Title I Schoolwide Peer Review is posted on the Title I website under Schoolwide Program and Resources. For those schools going through Schoolwide Peer Review this April, please complete the registration form and send to Edy Clark edy.clark@nebraska.gov by March 15th.
Registration form at: <http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Title%20I%20Part%20A.html>
Schools participating in the Title I Schoolwide Peer Review this year can be found in the yellow section at: [http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Documents/Title%20I/Title%20IA%20Disadv/2012-13 SW Peer, Monitor, Self Schedule 2 26 13.pdf](http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Documents/Title%20I/Title%20IA%20Disadv/2012-13%20SW%20Peer%20Monitor%20Self%20Schedule%202%206%2013.pdf))



2012-2013 Student Grades Template

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

The Student Grades Template has 8 key fields that must be unique to indicate a new record should be added to the student's courses.

County District Number [Student Grades:District Code (1)]

School Number [Student Grades:Location Code (2)]

School Year [Student Grades:School Year Date (3)] - set value

NDE Student ID [Student Grades:Student ID (8)]

Marking Period [Student Grades:Marking Period Number (9)] – set value

Semester [Student Grades:Supplementary Course Differentiator (22)]

Course Code [Student Grades:Course Code Long (26)]

Section Code [Student Grades:Section Code Long (27)]

When County District Number, School Number, School Year, NDE Student ID, Marking Period, and Course code are the same for a student, Semester and Section Code can be an issue when submitting more than one record per semester per course code. In this case, either the semester or the section code must be unique or the record will reject as a duplicate.

Semester = 0	Semester = 1,2, or 3
Section Code must be unique for each course code for which you submit multiple records for different grading periods, i.e. by quarter and by semester.	Section Code does not have to be unique if you submit one record per course code per semester (1,2) or for a year-long course (3) If you submit multiple records for a semester code for a course, then the Section Code must be unique for each record you submit for the same semester. This generally applies for quarter classes which start within a semester.

Personnel Change – Data, Research & Evaluation team

Dr. Dean Folkers is now the Senior Administrator of the Data, Research & Evaluation team. He can be reached at dean.folkers@nebraska.gov or 402-471-4740.

NDE Bulletin now available in RSS Feed

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We have added an RSS feed that users can subscribe to. Don't forget that the current and past NDE Bulletins can always be found at <http://www.education.ne.gov/ndebulletins/index.html>. The RSS feature can be found at the above webpage in the upper right hand corner (orange icon). RSS feeds can be used with Outlook and a number of web-based feed readers. At this time we will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.

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There are three ways to contact the NDE Helpdesk with questions. All three ways get to the same place, so please only use one of these options.

1. Submit a "Helpdesk Request" from your portal account. After logging into the NDE Portal, it is available in the upper right corner of the Collection Announcement page. This will be the fastest way to get your request to the NDE Helpdesk.
2. Email: nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov
3. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556 Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.

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